



Thank you for your interest in the Associate of Science in Teaching for Grades 1 through 5 degree program at Delgado Community College!

The Associate of Science in Teaching is comprised of 54 hours of rigorous general education coursework and 6 hours of teacher education courses. The general education classes have been specially selected to provide graduates with the specialized knowledge in mathematics, language arts, science, and social studies required to teach grades 1 through 5 in the state of Louisiana. The teacher education courses are designed to expose students to a variety of classroom situations through observation, mentoring, guided discovery, and working with students in supervised, small group situations. The program is designed to provide a seamless transition to Louisiana baccalaureate Colleges of Education.

Attached to this e-mail message, you will find a description of the degree program including the requirements for entering the program and for successfully completing the degree. Also, the curriculum outline and course descriptions are included for your review; all information is from the current Delgado Community College Catalog. You may view the entire catalog by visiting the Delgado Community College website at <http://www.dcc.edu> and clicking on "Catalog."

To apply for the Associate of Science in Teaching for Grades 1 through 5 degree program, you must first apply for admission to Delgado Community College if you have not done so already. You may complete your application on-line by visiting the Delgado website and choosing "Future Students." You may also complete an application in person at the Office of Admissions at any Delgado Community College location. When applying, remember to select "Teaching, Grades 1-5" as your preferred major.

The Associate of Science in Teaching is a limited admissions program; therefore, a separate application process is required. A description of the entrance requirements is included in the information from the College Catalog attached to this letter, as is an application to the program.

Please complete all information, and mail or bring the application materials to:

Delgado Community College
Attn: Arts & Humanities
615 City Park Avenue

New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

Once your application is received, it will be reviewed, and you will be contacted regarding the status of your application and the next steps in the process.

Thank you, once again, for your interest in the Associate of Science in Teaching for Grades 1 through 5 at Delgado Community College and your interest in beginning your journey to becoming a certified classroom teacher. If you have any questions, or if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss your educational and career goals, please contact:

Arts & Humanities Department
Delgado Community College
615 City Park Avenue
Building 1, Room 120E
Phone: (504) 671-6535

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

DEGREE: ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN TEACHING
DIVISION: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The Associate of Science in Teaching (A.S.T.) for Grades 1-5 is a transfer degree program that addresses the requirements of the Baccalaureate of Science in Elementary Education offered by the public and private colleges of education in Louisiana. The mission of the A.S.T. program is to provide the highest quality foundational coursework specifically designed to produce teacher candidates for the state universities and colleges of education who are effective communicators with knowledge, skills, and dispositions to meet the diverse education needs of Louisiana schools and their students. It is the design of the A.S.T. degree to be a viable pipeline to four year colleges of education which will add to the state pool of highly qualified teachers.

The Delgado program has additional admission criteria. Prospective students must contact the Arts & Humanities Division after enrolling at the College to initiate the application procedure to the Associate of Science in Teaching program for Grades 1-5. Students who placed into developmental coursework must have completed all but one developmental course by the date of acceptance. All applications are reviewed and evaluated by the committee on admission to the A.S.T. program. The committee selects qualified individuals with potential for contributions to the profession.

To be eligible to apply to the Associate of Science in Teaching program, students must meet the following criteria:

- Possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Earned a minimum cumulative GPA for any college coursework completed as follows:
 - 2.0 GPA for 0-15 credit hours
 - 2.20 GPA for 16-30 credit hours
 - 2.50 GPA for 31-45 credit hours
- Display desired disposition through an interview process.
- Pass a criminal background check.

For successful completion of the program, students must achieve the following:

- Possess a minimum overall GPA of 2.5
- Pass PRAXIS I (PPST Pre-Professional Skills Test) or possess an ACT composite score of 22 or an SAT combined Verbal and Math score of 1030
- Complete successfully a collaborative interview with the receiving institution's and Delgado's interview committee
- Pass PRAXIS II Section 0014 (Elementary Education Content Knowledge)
- Complete a reflective portfolio that consists of artifacts formulated within the A.S.T. experience to be assessed and expanded by receiving four-year partnering colleges of education

REQUIRED COURSES IN MAJOR

Required grade of “C” or higher

- ANTH 181 - Geography (3)
- BIOL 101 - Introductory Biology I (3)
- BIOL 102 - Introductory Biology II (3)
- BIOL 107 - Introductory Biology I Laboratory (1)
- ENGL 101 - English Composition I (3)
- ENGL 102 - English Composition II (3)
- ENGL 212 - American Literature II (3)
- ENGL 222 - British Literature II (3) **OR**
ENGL 232 - World Literature II (3)
- HIST 102 - Modern Western Civilization (3) **OR**
HIST 105 - World History II (3)
- HIST 205 - American History to 1865 (3)
- MATH 123 - Elementary Number Structure (3)
- MATH 124 - Elementary Geometry (3)
- MATH 130 - College Algebra (3)
- MATH 203 - Statistics (3)
- POLI 180 - American Government (3)
- SCIE 101 - Physical Science I (3)
- SCIE 102 - Physical Science II (3)
- SCIE 103 - Physical Science I Laboratory (1)
- SCIE 104 - Physical Science II Laboratory (1)
- TEAC 201 - Teaching & Learning in Diverse Settings I (3)
- TEAC 203 - Teaching & Learning in Diverse Settings II (3)
- Fine Arts Requirement: Choose one (1) of the following courses:
FNAR 120 - Art Appreciation (3) **OR**
FNAR 125 - Art History Survey I (3) **OR**
FNAR 126 - Art History Survey II (3) **OR**
MUSC 105 - Music Appreciation (3) **OR**
THEA 101 - Introduction to the Theatre (3)

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 60

**Associate of Science in Teaching Degree Program
Application for Admission**

Please print or type information

Date: _____

I. Background Information

Applicant's Name _____
First Last

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Address _____
Number Street Apt

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone Numbers (home/work/cell) (____) _____ / _____ / _____
Area Code Home Work Cell

I understand that in order to be accepted into the AST degree program, I must be admitted to one of the participating LCTCS Colleges.

I certify that I am enrolled in, or I am in the process of enrolling in to one of the following colleges (please place a check on the blank next to the appropriate college):

Baton Rouge__ Bossier Parish__ Delgado __ Nunez__ River Parishes__

If you are a continuing student at one of the participating colleges, what semester and year did you begin?

_____ Student ID# _____

Schools Attended	Dates Attended	Degree Earned	GPA
High School			
GED			
College(s)			

Note: All colleges must be listed, whether or not a semester was completed or a degree earned.

Have you ever been suspended or dismissed from a school or a program? Yes__ No__
If YES, provide the name of the school/program and the reason for and date of incident.

Have you ever been involved in, convicted of, plead guilty to, or been charged with at criminal offense?

Yes___ No___

Have you ever been involved in a plea bargain?

Yes___ No___

If you answered YES to either of the above questions, please attach a written explanation.

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?

Yes___ No___

II. Resume Information

Please attach a current resume to this application and proceed to the Personal Statement section of the application. If a resume is not available, please complete the following questions:

List your employment experience over the past ten years, including military service. Add an additional sheet if necessary.

Name of Former Employer	Dates of Employment	Position Title
	From: _____ To: _____ mo/yr mo/yr	
	From: _____ To: _____ mo/yr mo/yr	
	From: _____ To: _____ mo/yr mo/yr	

List any volunteer activities with which you have been involved over the past ten years. Add an additional sheet if necessary.

Please list any honors and significant recognition that you have received.

Please list any previous experience you have had working with children.

III. Personal Statement

Please note: The personal statement is an important component of the application process and is used to determine whether an applicant is a good fit for the Associate of Science in Teaching degree program. This statement will be read and assessed by College professionals for content as well as structure. Therefore, we encourage applicants to take time when writing the personal statement and to proofread carefully for grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

On a separate sheet of paper please type a response to the two-part question that follows. Responses should be between 500 and 1,000 words.

Part I.

Please explain why you are interested in pursuing an Associate of Science in Teaching degree.

Part II.

Please explain the strengths you bring to the Associated of Science in Teaching degree program. How will these strengths help you succeed in the obtaining this degree?

IV. Letter of Recommendation

Submit a letter of recommendation from an individual who can attest to your character. Appropriate individuals include: a current or former employer, supervisor, teacher, or community or religious leader.

Note: Family members are not permitted to write the letter on your behalf.

Please have the person writing the letter of recommendation address it to: Ms. Lisa Melson, Teach Grades 1-5. We will only accept references enclosed in sealed envelopes. Recommendations may be mailed separately (to the same contact address to which you send your application).

Memorandum of Understanding

I, _____, have read the following Memorandum of Understanding for the Teach Grades 1-5 Program. I understand that in order to complete the TeachNext program and receive the Associate of Science in Teaching degree, I must:

_____ **Submit Application**

_____ **Submit Resume typed**

_____ **Submit Personal Statement typed**

_____ **Submit Letter of Recommendation**

_____ **Maintain 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA in order to remain in good standing within the program.**

_____ **Have passed Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics) (or have ACT composite score of 22 or higher)**

_____ **Have passed the Praxis II: Elementary Education Content Knowledge Test**

_____ **Successfully complete a collaborative interview with the receiving institution's and Delgado's interview committee**

_____ **Complete a reflective portfolio that consists of artifact formulated within the A.S.T. experience to be assessed and expanded by receiving four-year partnering colleges of education**

Signature

I certify that the responses/explanations to each and all of the questions/statements on this application are true. I understand that submission of false, incomplete, or incorrect information is grounds for failing and dismissal for the AST program.

Signature _____

Date _____